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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORS, EG
SUBJ: FORMER MINISTER KIDNAPPING

REF: CAIRO 11073 (NOTAL)

1. NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUED JULY 5 BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES
OF GOE AND "ATONEMENT AND HEGIRA (TAKFIR WA HIJRA) SOCIETY"
IN EFFORT OBTAIN RELEASE OF DR. MOHAMED HUSSEIN EL-
DHAHABI, FORMER MINISTER OF WAQFS AND AL AZHAR
AFFAIRS, WHO WAS KIDNAPPED EARLY JULY 3. LATEST DEADLINE
SET BY KIDNAPPERS --NOON JULY 5-- HAS PASSED WITHOUT
APPARENT RESOLUTION.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, SOCIETY HAS MODERATED ITS INITIAL
DEMANDS BUT CONTINUES TO INSIST ON RELEASE FROM PRISON OF
60 INDIVIDUALS AND PAYMENT LE 200,000 RANSOM. THOSE
IMPRISONED INCLUDE 30 PEOPLE CONVICTED IN CONNECTION WITH
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THE APRIL 1974 ATTACK ON EGYPT'S TECHNICAL MILITARY
COLLEGE, 14 MEMBERS ARRESTED IN NOVEMBER 1976 FOR AT-
TEMPTING TO MURDER DEFECTORS FROM SOCIETY, AND OTHERS
ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN JANUARY 1977 RIOTS. SOCIETY'S
LEADER, "AMIR" SHUKRI AHMAD MUSTAFA, HAS BEEN SOUGHT BY
POLICE SINCE HIS PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN 1976 ASSASSINA-
TION ATTEMPTS.

3. REPORTS THAT THE SOCIETY HAS DEMANDED AN AIRCRAFT TO LEAVE EGYPT AND THAT DHAHABI HAS BEEN ALREADY KILLED HAVE BEEN DENIED BY PRESS.

4. COMMENT: GROUP INVOLVED IN THIS KIDNAPPING IS SMALL, FANATIC, RIGHT-WING RELIGIOUS OFFSHOOT, WHOSE NAME DERIVES FROM BELIEF THAT FORMATION OF GENUINE ISLAMIC STATE WILL ONLY FOLLOW ITS MEMBERS' PERSONAL PURIFICATION THROUGH REGOROUS PHYSICAL TRAINING IN REMOTE OUTPOSTS SUCH AS YEMENI DESERT OR EGYPTIAN MOUNTAINS. IN 1976, SECURITY FORCES ESTIMATED TOTAL GROUP MEMBERSHIP AT BETWEEN 40 AND 50.

5. INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT, WHILE GROUP IS WIDELY REPUTED TO BE LIBYAN FINANCED, THERE HAVE BEEN NO ALLEGATIONS THUS FAR OF QADHAFI INVOLVEMENT. END COMMENT.

6. AS OF 1430 LOCAL, NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUING WITH NO REPORTED PROGRESS. RADIO HAS NOTED NO FURTHER DEADLINE. EILTS

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